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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Action dated December 3, 2002, having a shortened statutory period set to expire March 3, 2003. No fee is believed to be required to submit this amendment. However, in the event any fees are required, please charge IBM CORPORATION Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. However, in the event an extension of time is required, that extension of time is hereby requested. Please charge any fee associated with an extension of time as well as any other fee necessary to further the prosecution of this application to IBM CORPORATION Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

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